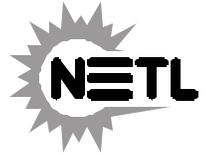




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Dear Colleague:

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) invite you to attend the Fourth Annual Solid State Energy Conversion Alliance (SECA) meeting to be held at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center in Seattle, WA, April 15-16, 2003.

The SECA Program is developing solid-oxide fuel cell modular power generation systems with low manufacturing costs and broad applications. The four Industrial Teams selected in 2001 are addressing the program goals. The Core Technology Program also has made significant progress on solving remaining issues. This progress could not have been made without the strong interest and support from key leaders, such as you, in the fuel cell community.

The purpose of the April 2003 annual SECA meeting is to report the status of the SECA Program, provide a forum for stakeholder input, and discuss upcoming program opportunities and directions. The meeting will feature a range of speakers addressing important components of the Program. DOE is convinced that fuel cells are an essential part of the national energy solution with important intrinsic environmental and energy security benefits. Your attendance at this meeting will be important to the successful completion of the Program which, in turn, will help ensure that the environmental and energy security benefits of fuel cells are realized.

I invite you to join other fuel cell leaders and stakeholders at this meeting. The aggressive goals of the SECA program cannot be achieved without your continued input.

Registration materials are enclosed. Please complete the meeting registration form and mail it as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures